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TO SENIOR CIVIL COORDINATOR INDIANTOWN GAP, PA

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SUBJ: VIETNAMESE REFUGEES: FAMILY REUNIFICATION

REF: A) STATE 109337 (NOTAL); B) STATE 133652 (NOTAL);
C) VIENTIANE 4921; AND D) SENIOR CIVIL COORDINATOR INDIANTOWN
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1. STATE 109337 GAVE EMBASSY BANGKOK AUTHORITY TO MOVE INTO THE REFUGEE SYSTEM(A) VIETNAMESE NATIONAL EMPLOYEES OF U.S. MISSION LAOS (AND THEIR IMMEDIATE FAMILY RELATIVES) WHO WERE CERTIFIED FOR PAROLE BY CONSUL, VIENTIANE, AND (B) FORMER GVN DIPLOMATS (AND THEIR IMMEDIATE FAMILY RELATIVES) WHO WERE CERTIFIED FOR PAROLE BY CONSUL, VIENTIANE. ON BASIS OF THIS AUTHORITY CONSULAR SECTION VIENTIANE HAS CERTIFIED FOR PAROLE INTO REFUGEE SYSTEM THOSE PEOPLE WHO COULD PRESENT PROOF OF ELIGIBILITY, AS DEFINED IN STATE CABLE.

2. STATE 133652 FURTHER GAVE ALL CONSULAR AND DIPLOMATIC POSTS AUTHORITY TO CONSIDER AS POTENTIAL REFUGEES (A) PERSONS WHO ARE CLOSE RELATIVES (SPOUSES, CHILDREN, BROTHERS, SISTERS, PARENTS AND PARENTS OF SPOUSES) OF U.S. CITIZENS OR PERMANENT RESIDENT ALIENS; (B) PERSONS WHO ARE CLOSE RELATIVES (SAME
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DEFINITION AS (A) OF REFUGEES WHO HAVE BEEN ADMITTED TO THE

U.S. UNDER THE CURRENT PAROLE AUTHORITY (I.E., THOSE BROUGHT IN DURING THE GENERAL EVACUATION); AND (C) PERSONS, AND ACCOMPANYING RELATIVES, WHO WERE EMPLOYEES OF THE USG AT THE TIME OF THE GENERAL EVACUATION." ACCORDING TO PROCEDURES OUTLINED IN STATE 133652 FOR THIS FURTHER GROUP, VISAS FALCON CHECKS WERE TO BE RUN. THAT IS, THE DEPARTMENT WAS TO BE PROVIDED WITH THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ON EACH RELATIVE: NAME, DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH, SEX, PROFESSION OR SKILLS, SPONSORSHIP, AND RELATIONSHIP AND NAME OF RELATIVE AND IMMIGRATION STATUS OF RELATIVE IN U.S. THE POST WAS TO WAIT FOR CERTIFICATION FROM THE DEPARTMENT ON VISAS FALCON CASES.

3. THEREFORE, IN PRACTICE, WHERE CONSULAR SECTION VIENTIANE HAD PROOF THAT INDIVIDUALS WERE ELIGIBLE UNDER ORIGINAL AUTHORITY GRANTED TO VIENTIANE (STATE 109337) WE HAVE CERTIFIED PERSONS FOR PAROLE INTO THE REFUGEE SYSTEM AFTER THEY REACHED UDORN, THAILAND. IN CASES WHERE WE RECEIVED INDICATIONS FROM U.S. CITIZENS, PERMANENT RESIDENTS OR REFUGEES IN U.S. THAT THEY HAD CLOSE FAMILY REMAINING IN VIENTIANE AND WE WERE ABLE TO CONTACT THAT FAMILY, WE OR UDORN HAVE INITIATED VISAS FALCON PROCEDURE FOR VERIFICATION AND OTHER CHECKS IN U.S.

4. AT FIRST EMBASSY VIENTIANE ATTEMPTED TO CONTACT VIETNAMESE RELATIVES REMAINING IN VIENTIANE WHEN WE WERE ADVISED OF THEIR ADDRESS BY RELATIVE IN U.S. OR BY CABLE FROM REFUGEE CAMP. HOWEVER, AS REF C NOTES, EMBASSY HAS NOW DECIDED PERSONAL AND POLITICAL RISK INVOLVED IN ATTEMPTING TO CONTACT RELATIVES WHO ARE POTENTIAL REFUGEES IN VIENTIANE IS UNACCEPTABLE. THEREFORE, WE HAVE RECOMMENDED THAT THE INDIVIDUAL REFUGEE WRITE TO HIS FAMILY IN VIENTIANE OR TO A FAMILY FRIEND WHOM HE TRUSTS AND ADVISE THEM TO COME INTO U.S. CONSULAR SECTION VIENTIANE OR TRY TO REACH U.S. CONSULATE UDORN, AND TO HAVE EITHER POST INSTITUTE VISAS FALCON PROCEDURE TO DETERMINE ELIGIBILITY FOR PAROLE UNDER CURRENT REFUGEE SYSTEM. IN REFTEL C, EMBASSY VIENTIANE ALSO POINTED OUT THAT EMBASSY VIENTIANE COULD NOT ASSIST VIETNAMESE IN LEAVING LAOS. ONCE A POTENTIAL REFUGEE HAS BEEN APPROVED UNDER THE VISAS FALCON PROCEDURE, THE U.S. CONSULATE IN UDORN, THAILAND, CAN PROCESS HIM INTO THE CONFIDENTIAL

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REFUGEE SYSTEM. HOWEVER, ANY FINANCIAL, ADMINISTRATIVE AND LEGAL PROBLEMS INVOLVED IN TRAVELING FROM VIENTIANE TO UDORN MUST BE SOLVED BY THE REFUGEE HIMSELF. WE CANNOT EVACUATE VIETNAMESE REFUGEES OUT OF LAOS.

5. PLEASE INFORM SUBJECT REFTEL, HUYNH CUONG, AND OTHER REFUGEES WITH SIMILAR PROBLEMS, OF PROCEDURES OUTLINED IN THIS CABLE AND REFTELS.

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